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**Via Electronic Submission**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication  
Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to  
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 19, 2018, Charles McKee and I of Sprint met separately with Michael Carowitz, special counsel to Chairman Pai; Will Adams, wireless legal advisor to Commissioner Carr; Erin McGrath, wireless legal advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly; and Umair Javed, wireless legal advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel.

Sprint continues to support the Federal Communications Commission’s efforts to reduce barriers to the deployment of wireless infrastructure. Sprint urges the Commission to address three barriers to wireless infrastructure deployment: access to rights of way and structures owned by state and local governments; the fees charged by state and local governments to locate small cells on property owned by those entities; and the timelines for state and local governments to review applications.

Sprint continues to support a deemed granted remedy to encourage state and local governments to review applications promptly.

The Commission’s draft order states that government application and recurring fees be cost-based. Sprint believes that the costs charged by local governments must be “direct and actual” so that local governments cannot increase its costs by incurring unnecessary expenses and passing them on to the wireless industry.

Sprint noted that the Commission has adequate legal authority to support its proposed order under Sections 253 and 332 of the Act, and Sprint supported the Commission’s legal reasoning supporting its authority as discussed in the draft order.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 592-2560.

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Sincerely,

*/s/ Keith C. Buell*

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